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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - September 12, 2015

Help protect Norman's environment by bringing your household hazardous waste to Norman's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event scheduled for 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. September 12, 2015, in the southwest parking lot of the Lloyd Noble Center. Citizens coming to the event need to enter from Jenkins or Chautauqua. There is no charge to residents of Norman. Proof of residence is required.

The collection provides an opportunity for Norman residents to dispose of dangerous items that cannot be put in the waste stream or taken to the landfill.

Last year close to 1,630 households disposed of waste material at the event. Approximately 33,000 pounds of chemicals, 12,400 pounds of used motor oil, 2,900 pounds of antifreeze, 15,500 pounds of latex paint, and 31,000 pounds of oil-based paint were brought to the event. In addition, approximately 31,000 pounds of electronics (computers, TVs, etc.), 400 tires, 300 automotive batteries, and several old appliances (refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) were collected. Volunteers unloaded an average of 3 to 4 cars every minute. Many items will be accepted: such as oil, paint, kerosene, cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides, computers and computer accessories, automobile and small truck tires (without rims). Some of the items that cannot be accepted are radioactive waste, explosives, business-generated waste, household trash, and compressed gas or containers.

Products need to be kept in their original containers and chemicals should not be mixed.

Re-usable household chemicals can be dropped off for redistribution to citizens. We will also be giving away free 5-gallon buckets of recycled latex paint – while supplies last.

Organizers are seeking volunteers to help with the event. Some of the work assignments will include setting up, surveying participants, traffic control, unloading materials, and bulking paint and oil.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, contact City of Norman's Environmental Services at 292-9731.

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